

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 71 yeas to 26 nays (Vote No. EX. 25), Jacob J. Lew, of New York, to be Secretary of the Treasury.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Jannette Lake Dates, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2016.

Bruce M. Ramer, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2018.

Stephen J. Hadley, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term of four years.

Vincent G. Logan, of New York, to be Special Trustee, Office of Special Trustee for American Indians, Department of the Interior.

Geoffrey R. Pyatt, of California, to be Ambassador to Ukraine.

3 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Foreign Service, and Marine Corps.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—25) Page S923

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:59 p.m., until 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 28, 2013. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S957.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, after

receiving testimony from Gary Gensler, Chairman, Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

POWER OF TRANSPARENCY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the power of transparency, focusing on giving consumers the information they need to make smart choices in the health insurance market, after receiving testimony from Margaret O'Kane, National Committee for Quality Assurance, Lynn Quincy, Consumers Union, and E. Neil Trautwein, National Retail Federation, all of Washington, DC; and Michael A. Livermore, New York University School of Law Institute for Policy Integrity, New York, New York.

ANIMAL DRUG USER FEE AGREEMENTS

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine animal drug user fee agreements, focusing on advancing animal health for the public health, after receiving testimony from Bernadette M. Dunham, Director, Center for Veterinary Medicine, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Richard Carnevale, Animal Health Institute, Washington, DC; and Jennifer Johansson, Generic Animal Drug Alliance, Bel Air, Maryland.

ASSAULT WEAPONS BAN

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the assault weapons ban of 2013, including S. 150, to regulate assault weapons, to ensure that the right to keep and bear arms is not unlimited, after receiving testimony from former Representative Sandy Adams; John F. Walsh, United States Attorney for the District of Colorado, Department of Justice; Mayor Michael A. Nutter, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on behalf of The United States Conference of Mayors; Edward A. Flynn, Milwaukee Chief of Police, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; William Begg, Danbury Hospital, and Neil Heslin, both of Newtown, Connecticut; Nicholas J. Johnson, Fordham University School of Law, New York, New York; and David T. Hardy, Law Offices of David Hardy, Tucson, Arizona.

NOMINATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Jane Kelly, of Iowa, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Harkin, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: On Friday, February 8, 2013, Committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 113th Congress.

BUSINESS MEETING

Special Committee on Aging: Committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 113th Congress.

Also, on Tuesday, February 26, 2013, Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee.

MEDICARE

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine strengthening Medicare for today and the future, after receiving testimony from Juliette Cubanski, The Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation, and David Blumenthal, The Commonwealth Fund, both of Washington, DC; David C. Goodman, Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy and Clinical Practice, Lebanon, New Hampshire; and Kenneth E. Thorpe, Emory University, Marietta, Georgia.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 33 public bills, H.R. 845–877; 1 private bill, H.R. 878; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 86–88 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Ros-Lehtinen to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 11:19 p.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Ronald Derrick, American Legion National Chaplain, Rigby, Idaho.

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Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a yea-and-nay vote of 293 yeas to 119 nays with 1 answering "present", Roll No. 53.

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Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013—Rule for Consideration: The House agreed to H. Res. 83, the rule that is providing for consideration of S. 47, to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994, by a yea-and-nay vote of 414 yeas to 9 nays, Roll No. 52, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 229 yeas to 196 nays, Roll No. 51.

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Recess: The House recessed at 1:28 p.m. and reconvened at 3:14 p.m.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, February 28th.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H697.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear

on pages H683, H683–84 and H684. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Committee Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—LIBRARY OF CONGRESS FY 2014 BUDGET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a hearing on the Library of Congress FY 2014 Budget. Testimony was heard from James H. Billington, Librarian of Congress.

APPROPRIATIONS—TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION BUDGET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on Resources for Risk-Based Security, Transportation Security Administration Budget. Testimony was heard from John Pistole, Administrator, Transportation Security Administration.

APPROPRIATIONS—ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Oversight of the United States Army Corps of Engineers. Testimony was heard from JoEllen Darcy, Assistant Secretary, Army for Civil Works; and Lt. General Thomas P. Bostick, Chief of Engineers.

APPROPRIATIONS—INDIAN EDUCATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Indian Education. Kevin Washburn, Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; George A. Scott, Director, Education,